

REMARKS

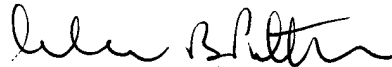
Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a well screen, classified in class 166, subclass 227.
- II. Claims 14-20, drawn to a method of assembling a well screen, classified in class 29, subclass 896.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, without traverse. Additionally, claims 14-20 have been withdrawn and new claim 21 added. Applicants submit new claim 21 is directed to Group 1.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully request prosecution of claims 1-13 and 21.

Respectfully submitted,



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